

GIBSON DEFENCE TO ADVANCE NEW THEORY

Will Contend Body Would Have
Floated Had Mrs. Szabo
Been Strangled.

NO TIME FOR GAS TO FORM

Prosecutor Says He Is Pre-
pared to Refute Idea—
Expert Discusses Its
Probability.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)
New York, N. Y., May 25.—A new theory to refute the contention that Mrs. Rosa Menchik Szabo's death was caused by strangulation will be introduced by the defense, it is understood, when it presents its case at the trial of Burton W. Gibson, which will be continued to-morrow morning. The defense will aver that if Mrs. Szabo was dead before she struck the water, as alleged by the prosecution, her body would have floated instead of sinking—a point that was not brought out at the first trial. Evidently District Attorney J. D. Wilson, Jr., is expecting this move on the part of the defense, for he said this afternoon that he was already prepared to disprove such a theory. He said that enough time did not elapse after Mrs. Szabo was strangled and before her body was plunged into the water for gas to form in such quantity as to keep the body afloat. Hence the body went down, Wilson said, it was the gas that was generated in a body after death that made it rise to the surface.

Aside from an inkling of the foregoing theory the lawyers for the defendant are keeping the preparations for Gibson's defense an absolute secret. So far as can be learned by the District Attorney's office, they have not yet even subpoenaed their witnesses. It is reported, however, that new experts—one of them associated with Columbia University—will be called to testify for the defendant.

Every precaution is being taken by the people to prevent outside influences from being brought to bear upon the Gibson jury. They are constantly under guard, and District Attorney Wilson said this afternoon that the vigilance would be maintained until a verdict had been returned. On the occasion of the first trial in Goshen, when the jury had considerable freedom before the trial was completed, there were rumors that the jurors had been tampered with. District Attorney Wilson said there would be no cause for any such reports this time. The jurors were taken out motoring this afternoon under guard.

The District Attorney's attention was called to the privileges that Gibson has been enjoying in the courtroom. He said these would be curtailed, and that the defendant would have only such freedom as was allowed any other prisoner.

Unless some unforeseen delay occurs, the prosecution hopes to have its case all on Tuesday noon. It is not likely that the defense will take more than two days, so that there is a possibility that the case will go to the jury by Thursday night.

District Attorney Wilson admitted today that the state would introduce new witnesses. He says none is required to accomplish the conviction of Gibson.

Although it is said that Gibson has suffered physically as the result of his ordeal and he displays none of the nerve which was so conspicuous at the first trial, his appetite seems to hold out. This morning he requested the jailer to order a chicken dinner for him. He relishes candy, and not a day passes that he does not consume at least a pound of sweets.

Dr. Alexander B. Johnson, of this city, a recognized authority on drowning and its attendant effects, said last night that it was impossible to state how long a person might be dead before enough gas formed in the body to render it buoyant in water. No two cases of drowning might be alike, he said.

"I am not altogether familiar with the evidence introduced in the Gibson trial," Dr. Johnson said, "but it seems to me that the chances are that one side might be as near correct in its contention as the other.

"Some bodies might float immediately after death, but conditions vary. For instance, much depends upon the stoutness of the dead person, or whether the bones are large or small. The amount and character of the food eaten before death might play an important part in determining whether or not the body would float, so would the amount of gas in the alimentary canal. The state of the person's digestion might also help determine that matter.

"Of course, if a person dies in a high fever, especially in warm weather, the body might float much sooner than a person killed, say, in an accident, when the temperature was normal. Again, there are instances when the temperature rises after death, and in that case putrefaction might take place sooner, according to the food eaten before death.

"There are so many different conditions that might govern such a case that I would refrain from attempting to give any sort of a definite opinion."

"VOTE BUYING" IS CHARGE

Grand Jury to Probe Alleged
Illegal Acts at Last Election.

The grand jury will begin on Wednesday an inquiry into the conduct of the last election in the 4th and 5th Assembly districts. Evidence of misconduct in those districts was placed before the District Attorney a month ago by the Honest Ballot Association. A preliminary investigation was made by William A. De Ford and Harold R. Platt, Assistant District Attorneys. No one is named as defendant, but it is said that election officials may be involved.

The Honest Ballot Association alleges that a hole was cut in one of the booths in the 5th Assembly District to ascertain whether votes which had been "bought" were cast as directed. It is alleged that in one election district \$800 was spent to "buy" votes. It is also charged that assaults were committed by thugs hired by Tammany captains and that some of the watchers were not permitted privileges which were their right.

WATCHMEN NOW HAVE UNION.

The organizers of the American Federation of Labor in this city have started to organize the watchmen employed by the owners of buildings in course of erection and a union of these watchmen has been formed. Meetings have been called to enroll more members preparatory to asking for their behalf for a shorter workday and better working conditions.

TOO MANY STRAY CATS; PROBLEM FOR LEDERLE

Health Official Would End Backyard Concerts
If He Could, Despite Mayor's "Don't
Care" Attitude on Complaint.

Every youngster in New York can make himself "solid" with Health Commissioner Lederle by casting stray cats and turning them over to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

"There are too many cats in this city," said the Commissioner yesterday, but he failed to give any definite information as to how the stray animals could be caught.

The society is with the Commissioner, however, and its manager, Mr. Fred, said that whenever requests were received to come for cats agents of the society would be on the job at once.

Mayor Gaynor's philosophic attitude last year, when he told a man in Brooklyn who complained about the backyard concerts in his neighborhood that he could sleep through such howls, isn't the way most of those who have complained to the Department of Health have felt. It has been suggested in many letters that the "clean-up" campaign should include cats, as they were present in the city in such large numbers now that they were a menace.

MILLER ROUSES BRONXITES League Objects to Removal of Street Encroachments.

The Central Bronx Protective League, an organization of property owners and merchants of the North Side, will hold a mass meeting to-night at Muller's Bronx Casino, 144th street and Third avenue, to protest against the order of Borough President Miller for the removal of street encroachments.

The league has declared that it is up to President Miller to set an example to his fellow Bronxites by removing an encroachment which they say they have discovered on his property at No. 223 Andrews avenue, in the form of a wall in front of his house. Several thousand circulars have been sent out with a photograph of the Miller property. But the Borough President did not build the wall; it was there when he bought the property.

It has been estimated that the cost to property owners will be \$2,000,000 if the order of the Borough President is carried out. The only streets affected are Third avenue, Washington avenue and Tremont avenue. Besides the cost of the changes to be made, it is declared the plan will abolish basement shops and also reduce the rentals.

SURROGATE ON WARPATH Lines Up with Anti-Murphy Democrats in Bronx.

Surrogate John P. Cohan has lined up with the autonomists of the Bronx, having joined the ranks of those in the Democratic organization in the new county who have declared against outside domination.

Although always a loyal member of the Tammany organization, in which his brother, Justice Daniel F. Cohan, has been a dominant figure, Surrogate Cohan has never consented to subordinate his own views on public or political questions to subservience only the ends of the organization.

While the effect of the movement in which Surrogate Cohan has enlisted, if successful, will be to curtail the sphere of influence of Charles F. Murphy, Mr. Cohan seems less concerned about that phase of the situation than he is in the result to be obtained, the complete autonomy of Bronx County.

Surrogate Cohan expressed himself vigorously yesterday on the question of county autonomy. "I have openly expressed my views," he said, "to the leaders of the Democratic party in regard to the Bronx County situation. It is less a question of political faith than it is one of civic expediency. We must secure an efficient administration in the county and boroughs. To this end we should see to it that only qualified men are nominated and elected to office. They must be responsible to the people of the Bronx, and not to any political leader of any party."

GANGMAN SHOT TO DEATH

Midnight Battle Fought Near
Terrace Garden—Two Arrested.

The sound of nine shots fired in rapid succession sent Patrolman Downs, of the East 1st street station, hurrying from his fixed post, at 5th street and Fourth avenue, toward Lexington avenue last night a little before midnight. He had gone only a few hundred feet when a short, thick-set man, running at top speed, crashed into him. Behind the runner came another man, taller and slimmer in build. Downs grappled with the man who had run into him and covered the taller man with his gun. He managed to hold both men in check until Patrolman O'Neil arrived.

At the station the tall prisoner said that the man whom he had pursued into the policeman's arms was Frank Miller, a member of the Terry Riley gang, and that Miller had shot his brother, James Leone, known as "Jim Curley."

The brother of the dead man said that he was Tom Curley and that both he and his brother were barbers.

The body of Leone was found in the gutter outside Palm Garden and opposite Terrace Garden. In 5th street, just off Lexington avenue, there was a large pile of shells in it. Further search led to the discovery of another revolver in the area of No. 141 East 15th street. Five shells had been fired with this gun.

Miller was locked up on a charge of homicide and Curley was held as a material witness. Detective Gorman rounded up five more prisoners, who will be held as witnesses.

VETERANS MARCH TO CHURCH

Many Military Bodies Attend Ser-
vices at West End Presbyterian.

The 71st Regiment's Spanish-American War veterans attended the services at the West End Presbyterian Church yesterday.

Other military bodies which were present were: Battalion 71, Boy Scouts; Farago Squadron of Naval Veterans; Roosevelt Camp, Spanish-American War Veterans; Peter Cooper Post, 307, G. A. R.; E. D. Morgan Post, 307, G. A. R.; Lincoln Circle, 102; O. O. Howard Circle and Woman's Relief Corps, G. A. R.

The Rev. Dr. A. E. Kelgwin, the pastor, preached the sermon. Before the service those taking part marched from 96th street up Broadway to the church, which is in 106th street. The parade was headed by the Subway Band.

According to figures compiled by the society, 225,000 small animals were humanely destroyed last year, and 85 per cent of that number represented cats. The number of cats killed by gas has increased month by month during the present year. In January 11,339 were destroyed; in February, 12,662; in March, 17,023, and in April, 19,920.

One of the principal causes for the large number of stray cats in the city during the summer is a result of their being thrown out by their owners, who figure it is much cheaper to get a new cat when they come back to town in the fall than to pay board for one all summer.

It is against the law, the society says, to catch cats in "figure four" or any other kind of traps, and no nooses, tongs or other instruments are used by its cat collectors.

So far the most efficacious practice followed in daylight hours by agents of the society is to say: "Here, puss, puss, puss," in melodious tones. However, many are called, but few respond.

NEW PLAN SUGGESTED FOR REGRADE PARK AVENUE

W. B. Parsons Devises Scheme
Which, It Is Said, Will
Save \$2,500,000.

Opponents of Borough President McAneny's plan for improving Park avenue at 34th street will submit a new plan to Mayor Gaynor at the public hearing in the City Hall next Thursday morning. William Barclay Parsons, chief engineer of the old Rapid Transit Commission, devised the new plan. The property owners and those who oppose the Collis plan will ask Mayor Gaynor to withhold his approval of the plan which Mr. McAneny has endorsed until engineers have examined the Parsons plan.

The proponents of the new scheme say its advantages are as follows:

"It would provide roadways and sidewalks on a lesser grade than the Collis plan and would keep the tunnel at 34th street, instead of moving it north to 35th street, thus avoiding the grade crossing made necessary under the Collis plan. It would make Park avenue a continuous thoroughfare wide enough for all kinds of traffic from 25th street to 33d street, and create a spacious approach to lower Fourth avenue at 33d street, giving roadway and sidewalk facilities 120 feet wide for an avenue which is at present only 100 feet wide.

"Under the new plan 33d street would be slightly lowered and Fourth avenue slightly raised, so that the two would cross at grade, making 33d street a continuous street from river to river. Fourth avenue would be raised from 23d street to 34th street, exactly as Mr. McAneny would raise it from 31st street to 25th street, by ramps on either side of the car tracks.

"The space given exclusively to roadway and for vehicles would be greater than that on Fifth avenue. As worked out by Mr. Parsons adequate space for car tracks and sidewalks would still be left, while the suppression of the present subway kiosks would be provided for, giving more room for pedestrians.

"It is estimated that the charges provided for by the Parsons plan could be made for about \$2,500,000. This would be slightly more than the cost of the Wetmore plan, for which the property owners have been fighting, but it would be about \$2,500,000 less than the cost of the Collis-McAneny plan."

PACKED FERRYBOATS BUMP

Prompt Action of Crews Averts
Serious Panic in East River.

The ferryboats Bowers Bay and Steinway, of the New York and East River ferry line, which run from 92d street to Astoria, crashed together in midstream yesterday afternoon, and only prompt action by the crews prevented a panic on both boats.

The Bowers Bay was the more seriously injured of the two boats. Her paddle wheel, being smashed in many places, Captain Callaway docked the Bowers Bay at Astoria and let the frightened passengers off, and then returned to New York, where the boat was tied up.

A strong tide was running when Captain Callaway took his boat out of the slip, and though she was headed upstream, the force of the current turned her nose around and swung her into the Steinway, which was commanded by Captain Charles Allen. Both boats were crowded with passengers, but the crews quickly assured them that no serious damage had been done.

URGE FEDERAL INQUIRY

Socialists Complain of West Va.
Coal Field Affairs.

Charleston, W. Va., May 25.—The committee of Socialists which was sent here by the national committee of the party to investigate conditions in the coal regions sent a telegram to Senator Kern to-night urging the passage of the Senator's resolution for a federal inquiry into the West Virginia situation.

"It is imperative that the Kern resolution do pass," says the message. "Conditions have improved considerably since the strike, but there is no doubt that the federal constitution was set aside in the coal regions. The fundamental rights of citizenship were denied, papers were suppressed and postal laws ignored. Under the guise of law and order the military and civil authorities substituted mob law for constitutional government. Armed trains, with machine guns, poured deadly fire into hopes of defenseless men, women and children. The Senate owes the nation a searching investigation of the long reign of lawlessness in the mining region of West Virginia."

The message was signed by Eugene V. Debs, Adolph Germer and Victor L. Berger.

"Mother" Jones, for thirty years a labor agitator and organizer of labor unions in the mining districts of West Virginia and Pennsylvania, who was released recently from a West Virginia jail, is expected in New York to-day, where she will be a speaker at a meeting in Carnegie Hall this evening. Other speakers will be Joshua Wanhope and Charles Edward Russell.

"MOTHER JONES" TO SPEAK HERE

The girls of the Washington Irving High School will hold a memorial service in honor of Patrick P. McGowan at the schoolhouse to-morrow, his birthday, at 3 p. m. President Churchill, of the Board of Education, Monsignor McMahon, of the Gracery Neighborhood Association, and students will give short addresses. A girls' orchestra and chorus of 1,500 girls will furnish music.

SYRIANS AROUSED BY MYSTERIOUS MURDER

Namen Elsoda, Once Chief
Musician to Abdul Hamid,
Slain in Brooklyn.

HATCHET WEAPON USED

Homes of Poor Throughout
Colony Plunged Into Mourning
by Death of Former
Court Favorite.

There is mourning among the fifteen thousand Syrians in greater New York over the mysterious death of Namen Elsoda, who was at one time the favorite musician of Abdul Hamid, the deposed Sultan of Turkey. Elsoda received the blow that eventually killed him on the night of April 8, as he was sleeping in his home, at No. 331 Henry street, Brooklyn. He died in the Brooklyn Hospital on May 3, following an operation which, it was hoped, would save his life.

Dr. Ritz Haddad, of No. 36 Garden Place, Brooklyn, who attended Elsoda after eight days' treatment recommended that he be taken to the hospital, but the police the musician's death was due to a blow from a hatchet. The physicians at the Brooklyn Hospital gave the same opinion. Dr. Haddad, it is said, however, waited several days before notifying the police.

Detective Crowley was then assigned to the case, but has been baffled at every turn by the reticence characteristic of the Syrian race. At least, that is the explanation afforded Elsoda's friends, who are enraged at what they term the "inactivity of the police." These friends say sufficient evidence to bring about at least two arrests in the case can be obtained if the police "do their duty."

Michael A. Sursock, of the firm of Sursock Brothers, cotton brokers, of London, who is regarded as the leader of the Syrian colony in Manhattan, told yesterday of the affection and esteem in which Elsoda was regarded by the Syrians of this city.

Never Accepted Pay.

"When sorrow or joy entered a Syrian household, Elsoda was invariably called upon to soothe the pain or give added zest to the rejoicing by his wonderful music. He never took any pay, and drew no distinction between the dwellings of the poor and those of the rich. That is why every Syrian mourns his loss and is indignant at the failure of the police to bring to justice the man who committed this murder, for that's what it is, to justice."

According to Mr. Sursock, the first person to discover that Elsoda had been injured was the baker's boy who was accustomed each morning to deliver bread at the Henry street house. He told his employer that when Elsoda opened the door for him he noticed that the musician's head was bound with a blood-soaked bandage.

The baker at once sent word to Nazweneh Azar, Elsoda's most intimate friend, and he went to the Elsoda home. He found the musician lying on the bed and apparently very weak. There was a deep gash on one side of the head. Elsoda told his friend he had been attacked while asleep the night before, but refused to tell who his assailants were.

After realizing the seriousness of the man's condition, sent for Dr. Haddad. The physician said Elsoda declared he knew who hit him, but when asked to give names rambling off into incoherent talk. It appeared, according to the physician, that the blow the musician had received had affected his brain.

When the hospital surgeons gave up hope of saving Elsoda Detective Crowley was notified and had a long talk with the dying man. The detective declined to say what took place at the interview, but it is believed the musician was unable to give any clue as to the identity of his assailants.

The funeral of Elsoda was held last Monday, at a little Greek Orthodox Church in Pacific street was thronged. As a special mark of respect the coffin was borne through the streets to the cemetery resting on the fingers of the pallbearers.

250 LECTURES ARRANGED

Programme Announced for In-
stitute of Arts and Sciences.

More than two hundred and fifty lectures and concerts already have been arranged for the first year of Columbia University's new Institute of Arts and Sciences, which is to open in October and continue until April. The list of lectures and recitals announced yesterday by Milton J. Davies, formerly of the Brooklyn Institute, who will be in charge of the work, contains talks by some of the most prominent men of the day, and recitals by quartets and soloists and choruses.

The Columbia University buildings are to be used as far as possible, but in the event of the number of applications being too large it is probable that buildings in the vicinity of Morningside Heights will be taken for special occasions. If the work grows, special centres will be organized in Harlem and probably at Columbus Circle.

Special membership coupons will be issued without charge, entitling members of the institute to reduced rates at special entertainments which may be offered in addition to the set programme. Among these are the Oratorio, the Messiah and the spring concert by the Columbia University Festival Chorus. Members will have the privilege of purchasing tickets at reduced rates for the concert of the Philharmonic Society of New York.

A. J. LEVY'S SISTER WEDS

More than 200 Guests Present at the
Wedding Supper.

Miss Evangeline Levy, sister of Assemblyman Aaron J. Levy, was married yesterday afternoon to Abraham Baroff by Attorney Street Temple by the Rev. Archibald Simon. Miss Levy was given away by her brother. Her husband is a graduate of the Columbia School of Mines, class of '10.

More than two hundred guests were present at the wedding supper. Mr. and Mrs. Baroff will visit Washington and go as far West as Denver on their honeymoon journey.

GIRLS' MEMORIAL FOR M'GOWAN.

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SAXE IN SULZER ATTACK

Former Senator Calls Primary
Bill "Positively Wicked."

LONG BALLOT ONE DANGER

Believes Four-Fifths of People
Are Opposed to Abolishment
of State Convention.

Former State Senator John G. Saxe in a statement made yesterday attacked Governor Sulzer's direct primary bill. Some of its provisions, he said, were "positively wicked."

"I have worked and voted for every direct primary bill except two machine bills and the Cobb compromise bill, and I am still a sincere advocate of direct primaries, but I am strongly opposed to Governor Sulzer's bill," he said. "Without far more radical amendment than that suggested by his excellency his bill should unquestionably be defeated."

Here are some of the features of the bill which, to Mr. Saxe's way of thinking, are "unwise," if not "wicked": The abolishment of committee designations; the striking of the emblems from the primary ballot; the abolishment of safeguards of independent nominations; the abolishment of the state convention, and last, but not least, the mandatory units of representation.

"It was Charles E. Hughes who wrote the committee designation into the Hiram-Greene direct primary bill," said Mr. Saxe. "Under the Hughes system, now a part of our law, anti-machine members have five days to make contesting designations by petition. Repeated claims have been made that five days were not enough. What does Governor Sulzer's bill do? It takes away from the anti-machine voter even the five days that he has to-day."

Machine Petition in Darkness.

"Moreover, all designations are to be by petition, and all may be filed at the same moment. The machine prepares its petition in darkness and files it at the sixth minute of the eleventh hour. The anti-machine voter has no opportunity whatever of knowing what the machine is going to do and no opportunity of making any intelligent contest. Do I exaggerate when I urge that no provision could be more wicked?"

Mr. Saxe cites the Court of Appeals upholding the necessity of party emblems at the primaries, as at regular elections, so as to enable the voter to avoid mistakes and vote intelligently.

The abolishment of safeguards of independent nominations, Mr. Saxe said, would again let in the obnoxious "indorsing or mush-room" column, purporting to contain independent nominations, but which really made easy the manufacture of fraudulent independent nominations.

"Most voters," said Mr. Saxe, "remember the enormous ballots at the Gaynor-Bannard-Hearst election of 1909, containing not less than nineteen columns, with Mayor Gaynor's name at the head of eight and Mr. Bannard's at the head of three. The reason for that was the presence of the indorsing or mush-room column."

"Under the law then there was nothing to prevent Mayor Gaynor's name from standing at the head of eighty columns and Mr. Bannard's at the head of seventy-nine. The abuse was cured after 1909, and the Court of Appeals has upheld the new law."

Offers No Substitutes.

"Governor Sulzer's bill repeals both of those prohibitive clauses and offers no substitutes. It welcomes back to the municipal election of 1913 an eighteen-foot ballot made up of four or five honest nominations and fifteen or twenty fraudulent mush-room columns, repeating the names in the other columns."

Mr. Saxe said he believed a referendum would show a four-fifths vote of the citizens in favor of retaining the state convention.

"I think most citizens realize," he said, "that with the large and complex population and varying conditions of life in the Empire State better state tickets could be nominated by convention conference than by haphazard designation. Moreover, no candidate could make a campaign for nomination to any state office, from Governor to Engineer, including judges of the Court of Appeals, without an expensive organization in every county.

"What chance would temporary organizations have against the machine organization, which is making shoes every day in the year?"

BIG SHOW FOR WHITE WINGS

Performance at Hippodrome Ar-
ranged by "Big Bill" Edwards.

A big bill (of vaudeville acts) arranged by "Big Bill" (Edwards), Commissioner of the Street Cleaning Department, kept 3,000 white wings, ashmen, drivers and scow men in a continuous state of merriment at the Hippodrome yesterday afternoon. The performance was an invitation affair, the audience being limited to employees as a reward for their faithful service during the recent "clean-up."

The entertainment was arranged by Commissioner Edwards, with the co-operation of the Shuberts, owners of the Hippodrome; Albee & Murdoch, of the United Booking Office; and the New York Edison Company. Seventeen acts were presented, "Big Bill" making a real speech, Mayor Gaynor talked through the Edison Kinetophone pictures, the band of the Street Cleaning Department furnished music and everybody had a good time.

"DR. BULL'S" NO MORE COMFORTS THE SICK

Sanatorium Founded by Noted
Surgeon Closed and Fixtures
Go at Auction To-day.

NOISE CROWDS IT OUT

Thousands of Leaders in So-
ciety, Art, Science, Finance
Have Been Treated in the
Pioneer Institution.

The private sanatorium at No. 33 East 33d street, known as "Dr. Bull's," where George Crocker, of San Francisco; E. H. Harriman, William C. Whitney, John D. Rockefeller and many other noted persons submitted to operations, will be dismantled to-day. The doors of the institution will be closed on Thursday. An auction sale will be held this morning, and before evening the furniture and hospital fixtures will have been sold.

Eighteen years ago Dr. William T. Bull, who died in 1906 at the height of his career as a surgeon, opened the sanatorium in the low, red brick building at No. 37 East 33d street, with Dr. John B. Walker as his associate. Before his death the institution grew until it included the buildings from No. 33 to 43 on 33d street and its message of hope for the afflicted had spread across the country.

Dr. Walker, who has continued in charge of the hospital since the death of its founder, said yesterday that the sale would include everything within the walls of the buildings. It was possible, he said, that a similar institution would be opened by him and his associates in this city.

A few weeks ago the property occupied by the hospital was sold. Dr. Walker announced at the time that the noise of building operations in the vicinity made the institution unfit for the care of the sick. While the Vanderbilt property, was eastern end of the hospital, at the corner of 33d and 34th streets, was being built the continued clatter of puffing donkey engines and automatic steel riveters retarded the convalescence of patients.

"When it became known that a loft building was to be erected at the other end of our property, at Madison avenue and 33d street," Dr. Walker said, "we decided to sell our property. I vowed when the Vanderbilt Hotel was built that I would never go through the experience again. Rest and quiet, prime requisites for a hospital, are not to be found next to a modern office building in course of construction."

On the site of the hospital an office building is to be erected soon. It is said the sale of the furnishings and fixtures will include the beds, cots, mattresses, tables, chairs, operating tables and practically every other article of furniture or article of furniture in the buildings. The doors of the hospital were closed on Thursday.

Dr. Bull's sanatorium was the pioneer private hospital in the United States. At the time of its foundation, 1885, the idea was rapidly becoming popular in Europe, but it remained for Dr. Bull to initiate the movement in America. The venture was a success from the beginning.

HECKLE SOCIAL WORKERS

Public May Ask Embarrassing
Questions at Conference.

The status of the social worker will be discussed at a conference at the Church of the Ascension, June 13, 14 and 15. The conference will pass from a discussion of the social worker's relations with his co-worker to that of his relations with philanthropy, and from this to philanthropy's relation to social work, to economic and political progress.

Persons attending this conference, after the payment of \$1 as a proof of real interest, may ask the social workers themselves any questions they wish, no matter how embarrassing.

DAMAGES CAR TO SAVE BOY

Driver Runs Machine Into House
When Bicyclist Blocks Way.

John Halterman, of No. 42 East 18th street, ran his automobile into the side of a frame house which was being moved north in Brook avenue, at 14th street, The Bronx, yesterday, and wrecked the front of the machine, so as not to run down George Christ, seventeen years old, a bicyclist, of No. 388 East 15th street. In the machine was Mr. Halterman's wife.

Christ attempted to ride ahead of the automobile through a narrow passageway between the side of the house and the curb. Before he could resume his northward course the automobile entered the passageway. Seeing his danger, Christ jumped from his wheel in the path of the machine.

TO-DAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS IN THE LEADING STORES.

From